

GOD, AND MY RIGHT

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IN MY DEFENCE.



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ANENT THE COLLECTING OF THE  
*Taxation, and releife to Prelates.*

At Edinburgh, the XXVII. day of October, the yeare  
of G O D, 1 6 2 5. yeares.



THE ESTATES presentlie conveened  
vpon good and weightie considerations, mo-  
uing them, haue freely and voluntarily offe-  
red and granted vnto the Kings most excel-  
lent Majestie Our Soueraigne Lord, for sup-  
plying of a part of the great charges and ex-  
penses, which his Highnesse must bee at, for  
defraying of the charges of his Majesties re-  
pairing to this Kingdome, to take vpon him  
the imperiall Crowne of the samine, and of  
his Majesties other great and weightie affairs,  
als well at home, as abroad: A Taxation to

bee payed, collected, and vp-lifted in manner, and at the foure Tearmes  
following, that is to say, For the Barrons and free-holders partes of the  
same Taxation, thirtie shillings Scots money, to bee vp-lifted of euery  
pound Land of old extent within this Realme, pertaining to Earls, Lords,  
Barrons, free-holders, and Fewers of our Soueraigne Lords proper Lands,  
holden by them immediately of his Majestie, and payed by them at euery  
one of the foure feuerall Tearmes following, that is to say, The summe  
of thirtie shilling money, at the Feast and Tearme of Candlemisse nixto-  
come, in the yeare of God, 1 6 2 6 yeares, the summe of other thirtie  
shillinges money, at the Feast and Tearme of Mertimes, in the yeare of  
God, 1 6 2 6 yeares, the summe of other thirtie shillinges money, at the  
Feast and Tearme of Mertimes, in the yeare of God, 1 6 2 7 yeares, and  
the summe of other thirtie shilling money, at the Feaste and Tearme of  
Mertimes, in the yeare of God, 1 6 2 8 yeares. And for the spirituall  
men, and the Burrowes parts of the same Taxation, that there shall bee  
vp-lifted of euery Archbishopricke, Bishopricke, Abbacie, Pryorie, and  
other inferiour Benefice, and of euerie free Burgh within this Realme, at

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euerie one of the saids foure Tearmes payment, the iust Taxation thereof, and as they haue beene accustomed to bee taxt in vnto all times by-gone: Whensoever the temporall Lands within this Realme, were stented to thirtie shillinges money the pound land of olde extent: and the same Taxation to be payed at euerie one of the foure seuerall Tearmes aboue-written. And for im-bringing of the spirituall mens parts of the same Taxations: Ordaines letters to be derect, charging all and sundrie, Archbishops. Bishops, Abbattes, Pryores, as likewise, all Noble-men, and others in whose fauour the erection of any Prelacie, or other inferiour Benefice, or any part or portion thereof, bee it in Landes, Kirkes, or Teinds, or in whose fauour the Patronage of any Benefice, Kirke, or Teindes is past. And all other beneficed persons contained in the taxt Rolls: their heritable Baillies, Chamberlanes, and Factors, intrometters with their rents, & liuing personallie, or at their dwelling places: And by open Proclamation at the market crosses of the head Burrowes of the Shyreldomes, Stewartries, or Baillaries, where the saids Prelacies, erected Lordships, and small benefices lyes, if they bee within this Kingdome, and if they bee without this Kingdome, by open Proclamation at the market crosse of *Edinburgh*, Peir and Shore of *Leeth* vpon three-score dayes warning. To make payment of that summe, that they, and euerie one of them are taxt vnto for euerie one of the saids foure Tearmes payment to the Collectour generall, to bee appointed by his Majestie, for receiuing of the said whole Taxation, or to his Deputs and Officers in his Name, hauing his power to receiue the same at the perticular Tearmes aboue written: vnder the paine of Rebellion, and putting of them to the Horne, and if they failzie therein, at the by-passing of euerie one of the saids Tearmes, to denounce the disobeyers rebels, and put them to the Horne, and to escheit, &c.

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And that the Prelates and beneficed persons, and such Noble-men, & others, in whose fauours the erections and patronages aboue-written, are past for their reliefe, haue letters, charging their Vassels, sub-vassels, Ladies of (*terce*) Coniunctiers, Liue-renters, Fewers, Taks-men, and Pensioners to make payment of their parts of said Taxation, eachone of them (*pro rata*) according to the summe that they shall bee taxt vnto, to the saids Prelates, and other beneficed persons. And to the saides Noble-men, and others hauing power to receiue the same, within twentie dayes nixt, after the charge, vnder the paine of rebellion, &c. And if they failzie to denounce and escheit, and to poynde, and distrinzie: therefore as they shall thinke most expedient, Proudying alwayes that the first Tearmes payment of the said Taxation bee euer past before the next Tearmes payment bee charged for. Alwayes declaring, that the production of sufficient Horuings against the saids Vassels, Fewers, Taks-men, and Pensioners, shall bee a reliefe to the saids Prelates, Lords of erections, and beneficed persons, and shall exoner them (*pro tanto*) from payment of the said Taxation, prouyding that the same Hornings with their taxt-Rolls antenticklie made and subscribed by the saids Prelates, Lords of erections, and beneficed persons, and by their Fewers, Vassels, Taks-men, and Pensioners, in manner hereafter prescryued, containing the perticular summe which each one of them are taxt vnto, bee deliuered to the Collectour of the same Taxation, within the space of three-score dayes, after euery Tearme: Other-ways, hee shall bee no wayes oblisht to receiue the same.

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Neither shall the Prelat Lord of erection, and beneficed person be exonered by production of the same at any time thereafter. And further, that the saids Prelats, and such Noble-men, and others, in whose fauours the erections and patronadges aboue-written, are past, and all other beneficed persons, may haue their reliefe of their saids Vassels, sub-Vassels, Ladies of terce, Coniunctiers, Liue-renters, Fewers, Taks-men, and pensioners, to the greater ease, and lesse trouble to their saids Vassels, and others fore-saids: And to the effect, that euery one proportionally may pay his parte of the said Taxation, according to the quantitie and auaile of the free rent which hee hath of his benefice Landes, pensoun, Kirkes and teind sheaues pertaining to him, as well the Prelat, Lord of erection, Patron, and other beneficed persons themselues, as the fewer Taks-men, and pensioner.

It is thought expedient, statute and ordained, that the saids Prelattes, and others aboue-rehearsed, euerie one of them seuerallie shall conueene his whole Fewers, Vassels, Taks-men and pensioners at the particular places heereafter designde: They are to say, The Archbishop of Saint *Andros*, at the citie of Saint *Andros*. The Archbishop of *Glasgow*, at the city of *Glasgow*. The Bishop of *Orkney*, at the towne of *Kirkwall*. The Bishop of *Cathnes*, at the towne of *Durnoch*. The Bishop of *Rosse*, at the towne of *Chanorie of Rosse*. The Bishop of *Murray*, at the towne of *Elgin*. The Bishop of *Aberdin*, at the burgh of *Aberdin*. The Bishop of *Brechin*, at the burgh *Brechin*. The Bishop of *Dunkeld*, at the towne of *Dunkeld*. The Bishop of *Dumblane*, at the towne of *Dumblane*. The Bishop of *Galloway*, at the towne of *Wigton*. The Bishop *Argyll*, at the burgh of *Innerarie*. The Bishop of the *Tiles*, at the burgh of *Rothsay* in *Bute*. The Abbotte of *Inverkill*, at the burgh of *Inverness*. The Pryor of *Ardchattan*, at the burgh of *Innerarie*. The Abbotte of *Perne*, at the burgh of *Tayne*. The Lord of *Beulie*, at the burgh of *Inverness*. The Lord of *Kinloss*, at the burgh of *Forres*. The Pryor, of *Plascarden*, at the burgh of *Elgin*. The Lorde of *Deir*, at the towne of *Peterhead*. The Pryor of *Fyvie*, at the towne of *Turrese*. The Pryor of *Monymuske*: at the town of *Monymuske*. The Lord of *Arbroth*, at the burgh of *Arbroth*. The Lord of *Scone*, at the burgh of *Perth*. The Lord of *Cowper*, at the towne of *Cowper* in *Angus*. The Pryor of *Restenneth*, at the burgh of *Forfare*. The Collector of the Taxation in place of the Prior of Charter-house, : the seate nowe vacand at the burgh of *Perth*. The Pryor of *Elcho*, at the same burgh of *Perth*. The Pryor of *Strathilland*, at the Kirke of *Comrie*. The Lord of *Inchaffray*, at the burgh of *Perth*. The pryor of *Inchanhomo* at the burgh of *Stirling*. The pryor of Saint *Andros*, at the citie of Saint *Andros*. The baillie of the Regalitie of *Dumfermling*, at the burgh of *Dumfermling*. The Lord of *Balmerinloch*, at the burgh of *Cowper* in *Fyfe*. The Lord of *Lundors*, at the burgh of *Cowper* in *Fyfe*. The Masters of saint *Leonards* College in saint *Andros*, For the Pryor of *Portmoeke*, at the burgh in *Cowper* in *Fyfe*. The pryor of *Pittenweime*, at the burgh of *Pittenweime*. The Lord of Saint *Colme*, at the burgh of *Innerkeithing*. The Lord of *Culros*, at the burgh of *Culros*. The Abbotte of *Cambuskynneth*, at the burgh of *Stirling*. The Lord of *Torphechin*, at the burgh of *Lithgow*. The pryor of *Marxell*, at the burgh of *Lithgow*. The Lorde of *Halie-rud-house*, at the burgh of *Edinburgh*.

The Lorde of *New-bottle*, at the burgh of *Edinburgh*. The Pryoresse of *Haddingtoun*, at the burgh of *Haddingtoun*. The Lorde of the tem.



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porall lands of the Pryorie of *Northbervicke*, at the burgh of *Northbervicke*. The Patron & Person of the Kirk of *Kynnewchar*, dissolved from the pryorie of *Northbervicke*, at the towne of *Elie*. The Patró & Person of the Kirk of *Largo*, dissolved from *Northbervicke*, at the towne of *Largo*. The partron & person of the Kirk of *Mayboill*, dissolved from *Northbervicke*, at the towne of *Mayboill*. The Patron and person of the Kirke of *Lozie*, dissolved from *Northbervicke*, at the burgh of *Stirling*. The Lord of *Kelfo*, at the towne of *Kelfo*. The Lord of *Coldingham*, at the towne *Eymouth*. The Lorde of *Dryburgh*, at the towne of *Dryburgh*. The Pryor of *Ecliffe*, at the towne of *Dunse*. The Pryor of *Cald-streame*, at the towne of *Dunse*. The Lorde of *Iedburgh*, at the burgh of *Iedburgh*. The Lord of *Melrose*, at the towne of *Melrose*. The Lord of *Paislay*, at the towne of *Paislay*. The Lord of *Blainyre*, at the burgh of *Glasgow*. The Lord and Baillie of the temporall lands of *Kilwyning*, at the burgh of *Irwing*. The Patrrons and persons of the Kirkes of *Kilwyning* dissolved from the Abbacie of *Kilwyning*, at the burgh of *Irwing*. The Abbotte of *Corsragnell*, at the towne of *Mayboill*. The Pryor of *Whithorne*, at the burgh of *Whithorne*. The Abbotte of *Saulsette*, at the burght of *Whithorne*. The Pryor of *Saint Marrie-yle*, at the burgh of *Kirkcubright*. The Lord of *Dundrennane*, at the burgh of *Kirkcubright*. The Lord of *Glenluce*, at the burgh of *Wigtoun*. The Abbotte of *Toung-land*, at the burgh of *Wigtoun*. The Abbotte of *Nexabay*, at the burgh of *Dumfries*. The Abbotte of *Holie woode*, at the burgh of *Dumfreis*. The Pryor of *Cannabie*, at the burgh of *Annan*. The Barron and Baillie of the Baronie of *Brughtoun* dissolved from the Lordship of *Halyrude-house*, at the burgh of *Edinburgh*. The heritours of the hunder pound land of the Baronie of *Montland* dissolved from the Lordship of *Nexbottill*, at the cite of *Glasgow*. The Ministers of *Felfurde* at *Aire*, *Scotland-well* at *Saint Andros*, *Peebles*, at *Peebles*. The Patron and person of the Kirke of *Dundie*, dissolved from the Abbacie of *Lundores* at the burgh of *Dundie*, and all other small beneficed persons at the parish Kirks of their particular benefices: And that they conueene to the effect abouewritten vpon the third day of Januar nixt-to come, in the yeare of God 1626 yeares: which is declared to be the preceise day appointed for all their Vassels, Fewers, tax-men, and pensioners to keepe the said meeting, and that no farder citation nor summoning shall bee requisite, than the Proclamatioun and publication of this present Act at the Market Crosses of the head Burrowes of this Realme, and heere with it is resolved by the saids Estates, that if any Vassell, sub-Vassell, Fewer, Taks-men, of teindes pensioner, or any other justlie bund to make reliefe to the Prelatte, Lord of erection, patron, or other beneficed person of any part of the said taxation, shall send any procurator in his name sufficientlie authorized to the said meeting: the same shall not only excuse the absence of the principall partie, but the procurator shall bee admitted in all thinges and receiued to doe, and performe in the distribution of the said taxation, what could or lawfullie might haue beene done by him who sent him. It is in like manner declared, that the Prelatte, Lord of erection, Patron, or other beneficed person impeded by disease, or distracted vpon some other necessarie occasion from attending that meeting, hauing his absence supplied that day by any sufficient worthie person whom hee shall appoint and authorize to that effect, shall bee als lawfull, as if hee were personallie present himselfe: and the partie so authorized, shall bee admitted and receiued in all thinges to doe.



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doe and performe in the distribution of the same taxation, what could or lawfullie might haue beene done by him who sent him.

It is farder statute and ordained, that at the said daye of meeting, the saids Prelattes, Lords of erections, patrons, and other beneficed persons, shall by themselves, or by their procurators, lawfullie authorized as said is. Fence and holde a Court, call by name and surname vpon euerie one of their Vassels, sub-Vassels, Fewars, taks-men of teinds, pensioners, and others oblised to releiue them of any parte of the same taxation, and lawfull time of day beeing bidden, shall shew to their saides Vassels, Fewars, take-men, and pensioners, or their procurators compearing for them, the quantities of the taxations imposed vpon their prelacie, erected Lordship, or other benefice autenticklie subscryued by the Clerke of the same taxation: and they all at the least so many of them, as shall conueene for this effect, with one consent, shall distribut the same to bee payed by euerie man, as well by the Prelatte, Lord of erection and present possessor of small benefices, for the free rent that euerie one of them hath of their prelacies, erected Lordships, & small benefices, as by the Vassell, Fewar, Taks-men, and pensioner, according to the great and small quantitie of the free rent, which euerie one them hath, either of their lands, teinds, or pensions: With certification to any of the saides persons, Fewars, Vassels, Taks-men, or pensioners, that compeareth not by themselves or their procurators, at the day and places aboue-specified to the effect foresaid. That such as shall conueene with the saids Prelats, Lords of erections, patrons and other beneficed persons, or their procurators, shall proceede in the equall distribution of the same taxation, as well amongst them that are absent as present, and shall make and subscryue an autenticke taxt roll therevpon: And incase that none of the saids Vassels, Fewars taks-men, and pensioners shall conueene at the daye and places aboue-specified, to this effect by themselves, or their procurators, but shall wilfullie absent themselves from the said meeting: It shall bee lawfull for the saides prelattes, Lordes of erections, patrons, and other beneficed persons, beeing present by themselves, or their procurators, at the day and places aboue-specified: To make, sette downe, and subscryue the same taxt-roll, and incase any of the saides prelattes, Lords of erections, patrons, or other beneficed persons, shall not conueene by themselves, or by their procurators at the day and places aboue-specified particularlie designde to euerie one of them. It shall bee lawfull for the saids Vassels, Fewars taks-men, and pensioners at the least so many of them as shall conueene by themselves or their procurators: to make, set downe, and subscryue the saide taxt-roll, which taxt-roll shall containe the particular summe that euerie one shall bee found iustlie to bee adebted to pay, the parties name adepted to pay the same, and the cause wherefore the same ought to be payed: And beeing so sette downe either by the prelatte, Lorde of erection, patron, and other beneficed person, or their lawfull procurators, with so many of their Vassels, sub-vassels, Fewars, taks-men of teindes, pensioners, and others oblisht to releiue them of any parte of the same taxation, as shall conueene with them to this effect. And incase that none shall conueene with them, the same roll beeing then sette downe by the prelatte, Lord of erection, patron, or other beneficed person, or their lawfull procurators: Or incase of their absence, beeing set downe,

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made and subſcryued by the moſte parte of the ſaides Vaſſels, Fewars taks-men, and penſioners, as by themſelues, or their procurators ſhall conueene themſelues, for this effect.

The ſaides, Eſtates decerns to bee als lawfull in all reſpectes, as if the whole number of perſons haing entrefſe therein, had conueened, made ſette downe and ſubſcryued: the ſame which taxt-roll being ſo ſette downe, made and ſubſcryued in manner aboue-written (and no otherwiſe) and deliuered to the Clerke of the taxation.

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The ſaids Eſtates ordaines him to giue warrand for giuing of letters of reliefe therevpon, diſcharging him in any caſe to giue warrand for giuing of letter of reliefe vpon any roll preſented vnto him, not made and autenticklie ſubſcryued in forme aboue-written. As hee will anſwere to the contrarie vpon his perrill.

It is likewiſe ſtatute and ordained, that taks-men of teindes ſhall haue reliefe vpon their ſub-taks-men (*pro tanto*) reſpect being had to the gairſome, payed by the ſaides ſub-taks-men. And for imbring of the Barrons and free-holders parts of the ſame taxation, and of the Fewars, and rentallers of our Soueraigne Lords proper lands, their parts thereof, ordaines letters to bee direct, charging all and ſundrie Shyrreffes, Stewartes, Baillies their Deputs and Clerkes, Fewars Chamberlanes, and receiuers of our Soueraigne Lordes proper landes, that they and euerie one of them within the boundes of their offices, raiſe and vplift the ſumme of thirtie ſhillings money of this Realme of euerie pound land of olde extent, lying within the bounds of their iuriſdictions, for euerie one of the foure Tearmes aboue-ſpecified, and inbring and deliuer the ſame vnto the Collector foreſaid, or to his Deputs and Officers in his name, hauing his power to receiue the ſame at the particular tearmes aboue-ſpecified, vnder the paine of rebellion, &c.

And if they failzie at the by-paſſing of euerie one of the ſaids tearmes to denunce and eſchaet, &c. And for their reliefe, that letters be direct, charging all and ſundrie Earles, Lords, Barrons, Free-holders, Fewars, and Rentallers of our Soueraigne Lords proper lands, perſonallie, or at their dwelling places: and by open proclamatioun at the Market Croſſe of the head burgh of the Shyrrefdome, Stewartrie, or Baillerie, where their lands lyes, if they bee within this Kingdome, And if they be without this Kingdome, by open proclamation at the Market Croſſe of *Edinburgh*, *Shore*, and *Peire* of *Leith*, vpon threſcore dayes warning: to make payment to the ſaids Shyrreffes, Stewartes, Baillies, their Deputes and Clerkes, Chamberlanes, and receiuers of our Soueraigne Lords proper landes, euerie one of them for their owne parts (*reſpective*) of the ſaid ſumme of thirtie ſhillings money foreſaid, for euerie pound land of olde extent pertaining to them, for euerie one of the ſaides foure tearmes payment, within twentie dayes nixt after they be charged thereto, vnder the paine of Rebellion, &c. And if they failzie, to denunce and eſceat, &c. And if neede beis that the ſaid Shyrreffes, Stewartes, Baillies, their Deputes and Clerkes, Chamberlanes and receiuers of our Soueraigne Lords proper lands, poynd and diſtrinie the readieſt goods and greir beeing vpon the ſaids lands, therefore, as they ſhall thinke moſt expedient: And that the ſaids Earles, Lords, Barrons, Freeholders, Fewars, and Rentallers of our Soueraignes Lords proper landes, haue letters for their



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their releife, to charge their Vassels, sub-Vassels, Ladies of terre conjunct-  
fiers, and liuerenters, to make payment of their partes of the said Taxa-  
tion, within twentie dayes nixtafter the charge: vnder the paine of Re-  
bellion, &c. And if they failzie to denunce and escheat, &c. And if need  
beis that they poynde and distrinzie, prouiding alwayes that the first  
Termes payment of the saide Taxation bee euer past before the nixt  
tearme, be charged for. And for inbringing of the Burrowes part of the  
same Taxation: Ordeaines letters to be direct, charging the Prouest and  
Baillies of each Burgh, to make payment of the taxt and stent thereof to *Anent charging for the tax-  
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the Collector generall foresaid, his Deputs, and Officers in his name ha-  
uing his power to receiue the same at the particular termes aboue spe-  
cified: vnder the paine of rebellion, &c. And if they failzie to denunce &  
escheat, &c. And for their releife that letters bee direct, charging the  
Prouest, Baillies, and Counsell of each burgh, to conueene and elect cer-  
taine persons, to stent their neighbours: And the saide election beeing  
made to charge the persons elected, to accept the charge vpon them, in see-  
ting of the said stent vpon the inhabitants of euerie burgh: And to con-  
ueene and sette the same, and make a stent roll therevpon as affairs:  
Within twentie foure houres nixt after the charge, vnder the paine of  
rebellion, &c. And if they failzie to denunce and escheat, &c. And  
sicklike the said stent roll beeing made and sette downe, as saide is, To  
charge the Burgeses, in-dwellers, and inhabitants within each burgh, to  
make payment of their partes of the said stent, to the saides Prouest and  
Bailles, conforme to the taxt roll, to bee giuen out therevpon, within  
three dayes nixt after the charge: vnder the paine of rebellion, &c.  
And if they failzie to denunce and escheat, &c. And if neede beis, that  
the saides Prouest, and Baillies poynd and distrenzie, therefore, as they  
shall thinke most expedient.

It is alwayes prouyded, that no person whatsoeuer bee stented and  
taxt within burgh, except according to the auaille and quantitie of his  
rent, liuing, goods, and geare, which hee hath within burgh, no wayes  
respecting his lands nor possossions, which hee hath to Landwart: for the  
which hee will bee oblisht to pay taxation to other Officers, prouyding  
awayes that the first termes payment of the said taxation bee euer past  
before the nixt bee charged for.

Attour the saides Estates decerns and declares, that the charges to  
bee giuen for payment of the saide taxation, shall bee execute be-  
fore the termes of payment aboue specified, for euerie termes payment  
particularlie by it selfe: and that the denunciation of Horning following  
therevpon shall not be execute vntill the termes of payment be by-past,  
and twentie dayes thereafter: Which denunciation so following vpon the  
charges, giuen before the saids termes of payment. The said Estates  
decerns and declares to bee vailed and sufficient.

Attour, the saids Estates considering the great abuse which hath beene  
vsed in all times by-gone, by sundrie of the Lieges of this Realme against  
all good conscience, in causing their poore Fermorares, Tennants, and  
labourers of their ground, beeing remoueable, who, are subject in pay-  
ment of very deare Fermes: and other dueties to releiue, them of the whole  
burden of the by-gone Taxations, which hath beene the occasion of im-  
poverishing of a number of the saides Fermorers, labourers, and Ten-  
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nents, and bringing of them to utter wracke and ruine, whereas of reason they should bee altogether free from the payment of any Taxation, and the same should bee payed by such as haue free rents, lands, and goods of their owne. For remedie wherof, it is statute and ordained, that no person whatsoever exact, or compell his Tennants, or Fermorars, remouable, who pay Ferme, and other deare dueties for the landes occupied by them, to pay any part of this present Taxation, or to sute reliefe at their hands, of the same, and if the same bee found done by any persons, that they shall bee called, and conueened, therefore, before his Highnesse Iustice, and his Deputs, or before his Majesties Counsell, as violent and masterfull oppressours of his Highnesse Subiectes, and punished therefore, according to Justice.

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As also, the saids Estates, considering that besides the ordinarie charges, which his Majestie doeth daylie vnder-goe for the maintenance of the Honour Estate and Dignitie of his Highnesse Kingdomes, the extraordinarie burdens which now lyeth vpon his Majestie by the occasion before-written, are so great, and doe so neare, concerne euerie loyall and true hearted Subject of this Kingdome, as members of that bodie whereof his Majestie is the Head, that in duetie they thinke themselues bound to beare a part of that burden: and to releue his Majestie thereof.

Therefore, beside the ordinarie Taxation aboue-written: The saides Estates haue for the space of foure yeares nixt and immediatelie following the Tearme of Witsonday nixt to come voluntarlie and freelic granted vnto his Majestie a yearelie extraordinarie Taxation of the twentie penie of all Anwelrents, which any person or persons within this Kingdome, hath freelic due and payable vnto them yearelie or tearmelie their owne anwelrents, wherein they are adebted to others, being first deduced the first tearmes payment thereof shall bee, and beginne at the said feast and tearme of Witsonday nixt to come: and so forth yearelie and tearmelie at Merrimes and Witsondaye, vntill the saides foure yeares and the eight tearmes payment thereof bee fullie and compleatlie out-runne.

And whereas the saides Estates haue by Act of Parliament authorized all and sundrie heritable Shyrreffes, Stewartes, Baillies, and Baillies of Regalities, and their Deputs: And the Prouest and Baillies of Burrowes, who are heritable Shyrreffes within themselues, within the boundes of their jurisdictions: As likewise the Clerkes within the jurisdictions, where these Offices are not heritable, which Clerkes haue their Offices (*ad vitam*) to collect the said extraordinarie Taxation, and make payment thereof to the Collector generall, to bee appointed by his Majestie, for receiuing of the same.

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Therefore, and for inbringing of the same extrordinarie Taxation: The saides Estates ordaines letters to bee direct, charging all and sundrie the saides heritable Shyrreffes, Stewartes, Baillies, Baillies of Regalities, and their Deputs and Clerkes, and the saides Prouest and Baillies, who are heritable Shyrreffes within themselues, and their Clerkes. And likewise, the Clerks within the Iurisdictions, where these Offices are not heritable, that they and euerie one of them, by North the Riuer of Dee, within the space of fyftine dayes after euerie tearme of Witsonday and Mertimes, and that they and euerie one of them by South the Riuer of Dee, within the space of tenne dayes after euerie tearme of Witsonday and Mertimes,

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deliuer to his Majesties said Collector generall a true and just accompt, and Invintar of the whole summes of money due to bee payed by any person within the bowndes of their Iurisdiction for his part, of the said extraordinarie Taxation: and that they giue vp the same compt and Invintar vpon their oath solempnitlie sworne, that the same is just and true; and make payment vnto his Majesties said Collector generall, or to his Deputs in his name, hauing his power to receiue the same of the whole monyes due to bee payed to his Majestic, conforme to the said compt and Invintar, within twentie dayes after each Tearme, vnder the paine of rebellion, &c. And incase the saides Shyrreffes, Stewartes, Baillies, Baillies of Regallities, their Deputs, and Clerkes failzie to denunce and escheat, &c. For whose reliefe that lettters bee directed, charging all and sundrie the saides Anwelrenters, to make payment to the saides Shyrreffes, Stewartes, Baillies, Baillies of Regallities, their Deputs and Clerkes, Prouest and Baillies of Burrowes, of the said twentie penny of all Anwelrents frelie due and payable to them, within twentie dayes nixt-after the charge, vnder the paine of rebellion, &c. And if they failzie to denunce and escheat, &c. And if needbeis, that the saids Shyrreffes, Stewartes, Baillies, Baillies of Regallities, Clerkes, Prouest and Baillies of Burrowes, poynd and distrinzie, therefore, as they shall thinke most expedient.

And the saides Estates ordaines the Lords of Session to bee onelie Iudges to all Suspensions to bee craued and suttred by any of our Soueraigne Lords Leiges, touching the saides Taxations, which Suspensions the saides Estates findes, may bee granted vpon lawfull and equitable reasons, to bee considered by them, And discharges all other Iudges within this Realme of granting of any Suspensions there-anent, with power to the saides Lordes, to diligate fwe at the least of their ordinarie number, as they thinke expedient to fitte cognosce and deside the saids Suspensions in time of vacance, if neede bee.

*Per Actum Con-ventionis.*

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